



PUBLIC SAFETY ADVOCACY UPDATE

The **Public Safety Advocacy Update** comes to your inbox with a quick look at events and information you need to stay up to date with the First Responder Network Authority.



Featured Advocacy Activity:

Roadmap unveiling charts course for future of FirstNet

The First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet Authority) marked a significant milestone by unveiling a Roadmap focused on the future of the FirstNet network. FirstNet Authority Board Chair Edward Horowitz [announced the Roadmap's release](#) at the APCO International Conference and Expo in Baltimore.

The Roadmap reflects feedback gathered from over 15,000 public safety representatives across the country. In more than 600 engagements, workshops, and summits with first responders and other public safety personnel nationwide, the FirstNet Authority identified six domains that represent the most essential communication capabilities and technologies for public safety over the next five years:

- **Network Core:** envisions the Core, which provides the essential intelligence for the functioning of the network, evolving to remain technologically current
- **Coverage and Capacity:** enables robust and ubiquitous access to the network
- **Situational Awareness:** envisions real-time access, collection, and distribution of critical information
- **Voice Communications:** envisions high-quality, reliable voice communications nationwide working seamlessly across analog and digital platforms
- **Secure Information Exchange:** envisions the ability to access, exchange, and manage data securely and conveniently within and across public safety agencies and jurisdictions
- **User Experience:** seeks to ensure interfaces are designed for specific public safety users'

operational challenges

The FirstNet Authority will continue to engage public safety in focused conversations around these domains to ensure that the Roadmap reflects public safety's needs and priorities.

As the Roadmap evolves, it will create new opportunities for public safety's input. The FirstNet Authority looks forward to working with public safety entities, government officials, our private sector partner, AT&T, and various other industry representatives on FirstNet's future.

Listen to the FirstNet Authority's most recent [podcast on the Roadmap](#), or to download the FirstNet Authority Roadmap, FAQs, and infographic, visit Firstnet.gov/roadmap.



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WEBINAR | Sixth in a Series on the FirstNet Apps Catalog

FirstNet App Catalog: Core Mission Apps

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Join the MissionCritical Communications webinar series on the FirstNet App Catalog. Apps on FirstNet further advance the capabilities of our nation's first responders by automating the administrative, simplifying the complex, and enabling new possibilities. FirstNet provides a dedicated app catalog built just for first responders. In this webinar, you will learn about several apps central to public safety's core mission.

If you missed the first five webinars, watch the recorded videos and get information about the 29 apps that were overviewed here: <https://www.rmediagroup.com/FirstNetAppCatalogWebinarSeries>

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FirstNet in Action



Working Together to Transform Public Safety Communications

The FirstNet Authority marked a significant milestone with release of a new Roadmap for the future of FirstNet, the nationwide public safety broadband network.

[Learn how the FirstNet Authority Roadmap is setting a course for the future of the network.](#)



FirstNet Authority Board Approves FY20 Budget

On Thursday, August 15, 2019, the FirstNet Authority Board approved an \$82 million budget for operations in Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20), with a focus on supporting public safety engagement, continued oversight of the deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network, and future investments in the network.

[Read more about the approved \\$82 million budget](#)



FirstNet Momentum: Platform Passes 750,000 Connections, Performs Faster Than Any Commercial Network for Second Consecutive Quarter

Public safety personnel across the country continue to turn to FirstNet to advance their routine and emergency responses. Nearly 9,000 public safety agencies and organizations have subscribed, accounting for over 750,000 connections in service.

[Find out how FirstNet is providing coverage enhancements and redundant solutions to subscribers](#)



FirstNet in the news

Regional Coverage

[Using FirstNet On Idaho Wildfires](#) (Boise State Public Radio, ID, August 16)

[Annapolis Police Department to roll out new vehicles](#) (The Baltimore Sun, August 9)

[Columbia first responders now using 'FirstNet,' a public safety communications platform](#) (ABC Columbia, August 19)

['It will save lives,' Columbia First Responders receive new communication technology](#) (News 19 WLTX)

National Coverage

[FirstNet Publishes Five-Year 'Roadmap' Outlining Expansion](#) (Government Technology, August 16)

[FirstNet releases roadmap to guide future investment, technology](#) (Smart Cities Dive, August 13)

[FirstNet releases roadmap for network enhancements](#) (GCN, August 14)

[FirstNet Authority releases initial investment Roadmap at APCO 2019](#) (Urgent Communications, August 13)

[FirstNet 'roadmap' sets priorities and offers preview of network's future](#) (State Scoop, August 13)

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[FirstNet Momentum: Platform Passes 750,000 Connections](#) (Telecompetitor, August 13)

[FirstNet, an app and smartphones as body cams: How one police department put them together](#) (RCR Wireless, August 15)

[5 Things Early FirstNet Adopters Want Other Public Safety Agencies to Know](#) (EfficientGov, August 16)



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The [#FirstNetAuthority](#) recently released the FirstNet Authority Roadmap, which will guide the growth and evolution of the network. Learn more about how this key doc was developed and what it means for the future of public safety tech: firstnet.gov/network/roadmap [#WeServeYou](#)



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What's it like to be a [#firstresponder](#) and a [@FirstNet](#) user? Three chiefs tell us on a panel moderated by [@RayLehr](#) former Asst Fire Chief here in Baltimore at [#APCO2019](#) [@FirstNetGov](#)



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